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Between 1 and 22 April 1955, Polish naval vessels were seen in Gdynia Harbor and in the Bay of Danzig. The following details were obtained:

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Harbor	Berth	Remarks
destroyer	BURZA	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
mine-sweepers	<u>T 301</u>	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Basin X	
					Harbor	
					Basin X	
mine-sweepers	<u>T 301</u>	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
					Basin X	
mine-sweepers	ex YMS	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
					Basin X	
boats	?	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
					Basins IX and	
coastal mine sweeper	?	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
					Basins IX and	
submarines	M Class	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
					Basin X	
submarine	M Class	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
					Basin X	
submarine	SEP	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
					Basin X	
submarine	RYS	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
					Basin X	
submarine	ZBIK	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
					Basin X	
auxiliary vessel	Trawler	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
					Basin IX	
landing craft	LCT	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
					Basin IX	

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Port	Berth	Remarks
auxiliary vessel u/i	tankers	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor Basin IX	
mine sweeper	M 40 (?)	3 Apr	1300	Bay of Hela		An approx 3,000 BRT auxiliary vessel and five smaller vessels, which ran back, and were sighted. The vessel came from Gdynia and headed toward Hela. She flew the Polish war ensign at the signal mast with which it answered. She had no radar set. A gun was on the foredeck and on the quarter deck and a canvas-covered winch was at the stern. Other boards and several white and red floats were at the taffrail. Two crew members were on the quarter deck. Twenty other crew members were at the bridge sponsons. The vessels were dressed overall. Music was heard over the loudspeaker throughout the day. The Polish war ensign was flown at the signal mast. The boats had a gray coat of paint and were approx 25 to 28 meters long. Several white and red buoys were at the railing of the quarter deck. The vessels seemed to be identical with those seen in the Bay of Hela on 3 April. They did not have a stack; nor did they have armament.
9 vessels in bundles of three	u/i	4 Apr	during daytime	Gdynia	Harbor Basin X	

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Harbor	Berth	Remarks
Submarine	?	5 Apr	1500	Came from Hela and headed for Gdynia		The submarine [redacted] with which she answered [redacted] She rode high above water with the forward section; no armament on deck. The vessel had a small conning tower with an oval front section and a step aft. Two crew members stood in the conning tower from which projected a periscope. A wire rope ran from the conning tower to the stem. A railing was on the quarter deck.
submarine	M Class	5 Apr	0830	Put to sea from Gdynia, heading north-east		[redacted] A wire rope ran from the conning tower to the stem. No crew members were seen, except for two standing in the conning tower. A small gun was in front of the conning tower.
4 vessels	?	5 Apr	0830	Left Gdynia toward Putziger Wiek		[redacted] The [redacted] appeared to be mine sweepers.
submarine	?	5 Apr	0830	Left Gdynia toward Putziger Wiek		The submarine appeared to be larger [redacted] She flew no flag; she submerged immediately after leaving the harbor; only little of the conning tower was seen.

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Harbor	Berth	Remarks
speed boats	?	12 Apr	0900	Gdynia	harbor	The vessels left Gdynia toward
tug		12 Apr	0905	Gdynia	basin X	Zoppot.
					harbor	The vessel followed the speed boats with
					Basin X	a small red-brown practice target in tow.
						In the morning, the unit practiced firing
						at sea.
		14 Apr	noon	Gdynia	Harbor	A crane loaded anchor mines from a lighter
					Basin X	onto a truck which repeatedly went from
						Harbor Basin X toward a westerly direction
mine sweepers	<u>T 301</u>	22 Apr	1830	entered Gdynia,		carrying 2 mines at a time.
				coming from Helu		

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destroyer	BUMMA	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
mine-sweepers	T 301	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Basin X	
					Harbor	
					Basin X	
mine-sweepers	T 301	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
mine-sweepers	ex Y13	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Basin X	
					Harbor	
EP38d boats	?	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Basin X	
coastal mine sweeper	?	2-15 Apr	daily	Gdynia	Harbor	
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					Harbor	
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					Harbor	
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					Harbor	
					Basin IX	
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					Basin IX	

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Location	Remarks
auxiliary vessel	tankers	2-15 Apr	daily	Off, in	Harbor Basin IX
u/i	u/i	3 Apr	1500	Bay of Hela	
mine sweeper	140 (?)	3 Apr	1500	Buoy Hela 2	
2 vessels in bundles of three	u/i	4 Apr	during daytime	Gdynia	Harbor Basin X

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		14 Apr	noon	Gdynia	Harbor Basin X	A crane loaded anchor mines from a lighter onto a truck which reportedly went from Harbor Basin X toward a westerly direction carrying 2 mines at a time.
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